

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, line 13, to line 19, as follows:

In regard to the stress to be placed on the ring 33 for unhooking, the following theories can be formulated. The load applied to the hook is distributed entirely on the contact of the pin. A linear contact between the locking pin and guide is made. The coefficient of static friction to the steel-steel contact is equal to 0.2. Thus the force to be applied to slip the pin out in this case will be equal to about 200N (about 20kg-force); normally an athlete can develop much greater traction forces with the ~~should-arm~~ shoulder-arm muscle group, and thus the pin can be slipped out without problems.